

What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map section taken from Strawberry Mountain Wilderness Map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.

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Table Mountain Trail #217



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The Table Mountain Trail is located on the south western side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, at the edge of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness, and ranges in elevation from 5200 ft. to 5800 ft.

This trail can be reached during the summer months for recreation.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes but is not limited to; bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.

What to Look Forward To

Primarily used by hunters, this trail gives good access to the upper end of the East Fork Canyon Creek Trail #211 and allows relatively good access to the Wall Creek drainage in the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

Great Hike

Table Mountain Trail offers hikers both single and multi day hiking choices. For a great single day hike, follow the trail to it's connection with the East Fork of Canyon Creek Trail #277. For multiday hiking there are many great choices. Connect to either the Canyon Mountain Trail #218 or Pine Creek Trail #201 which in turn connects to many other trails. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, or water filtration system. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip including route of travel and estimated time of return. Let family or friends know your plans. Do not rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

The trail is 6.3 miles in length one way.

Moderate

Directions

From the town of John Day travel south on Hwy 395 to County Rd. 65. Follow County Rd. 65 approximately 6 miles turn left onto Forest Rd. 651 and proceed approximately 3 miles to the trail-head.